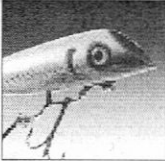




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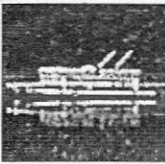
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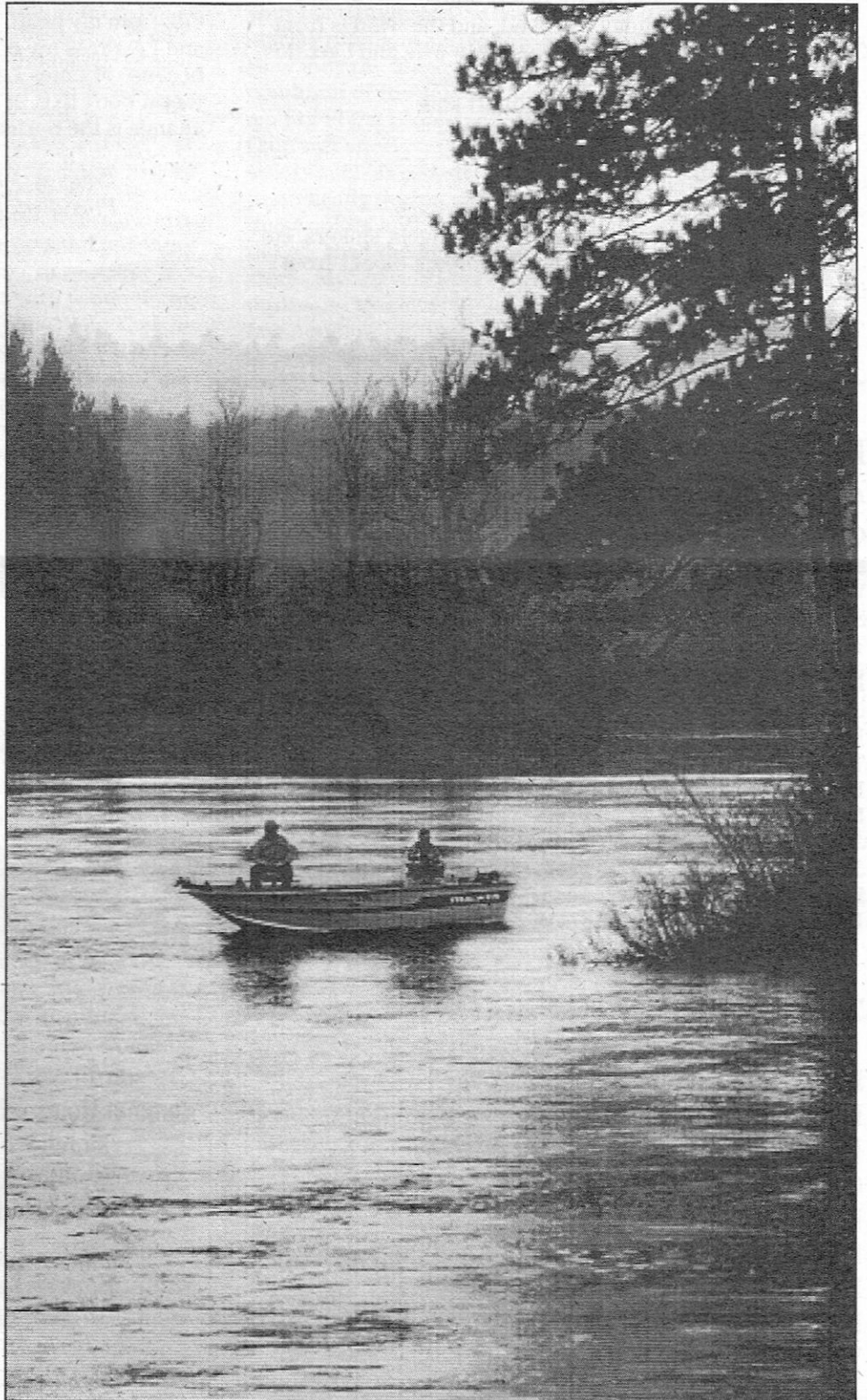
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County Road 48 Cleanup –
Saturday Sept. 1, 9 a.m.
Meet at Clinton Converse
Campground

Boat Monitoring Dates –
July 6 and 7th. Sept 1 and 2.
Contact Bill Herrick at
218.792.5513 if you would like
to volunteer to help with this
important activity.



Water Skiing at Washburn Lake





FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Douglas Johnson



I know I'm going to gripe to the wrong people. But I will make the members of the association aware of a problem. Especially after a holiday weekend, and the wind is from southwest to northwest. My wife and I get this collection of goodies on our beach:

- beer cans, who for what reason, didn't sink
- empty liquor bottles of various sizes
- balled up fishing line
- filtered cigarette butts
- empty plastic bags, especially sandwich bags
- empty store containers for line, lures, swivels, sinkers, etc.
- and in early spring, wood and/or Styrofoam blocks from fish houses.

If someone is going to use the lake as a garbage can, pretty soon it will be! Mother nature tears down a lake over many centuries. Introduce man, and we can do the same in 1/10th the time. Let along the harm we impact to the fish and wildlife.

I may sound, or seem, to be a blunt person...well I am. I talk from my heart. I have conviction in what I believe in, and I express my opinion. Some people don't like this because at times I go against the grain or step on someone's toes. I don't like, or want, to see something stagnate. And change is the normal, not the exception.

Douglas Johnson

President, Lake Washburn Association

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WAVES FROM THE BOAT DOCTOR

By Dave and Cindy

This article will address how to tackle the more aggressive boat cleaning projects. Oxidation is the dull, milky appearance of gelcoat caused by weathering and UV (sun) exposure. When a cleaner won't remove the oxidized layer you will need to use a color restorer or rubbing compound, depending on the degree of oxidation. The worse the oxidation, the more aggressive the product will have to be. Restorers penetrate the gelcoat, buffing extracts the oxidation, leaving the oil behind and a glossy finish. There is a small amount of abrasive in a restorer; its effectiveness is mostly dependent on the chemical compounds saturating the gelcoat. You can try using a restorer by hand polishing but most work better with a power buffer. At one time it was believed that you could feed gelcoat with products such as Armor-All, Penetrol or even mineral (baby) oil. They may give a momentary shine but will soon wash out. We do not recommend using these products on your fiberglass. If a restorer does not remove the oxidation the next step will be to use a rubbing compound. Rubbing compounds contain abrasives that remove a thin layer of gelcoat, exposing a fresh surface. Caution is to be used in the area, if they are not used correctly, they can destroy the finish. Rubbing compound can be applied by hand but a power buffer is the best way to go. You may find that depending on the degree of oxidation, you may need to go over the surface several

times. Work only a small area at a time. Follow with a good marine wax or polish to seal the shine. Our favorite products are 3M Marine, Meguiar's Boat Armor and Star Brite. If at all possible do not buff and wax in direct sunlight, shade with an umbrella or tarp. Make sure the temperature is at least 50 degrees. It is best to wax or polish early in the day and remember to use terry cloth for your hand polishing. Most important is to use good quality marine products and follow the manufacturers instructions. How long the finish will last depends on the color and condition of the gelcoat, exposure to the elements and quality of the protectant. We suggest deep cleaning (buffing) once every season to maintain the gloss. Some colors such as red, dark blue, and teal should be waxed periodically during your boating season. In our experience these colors absorb the UV rays and tend to fade more rapidly than the lighter colors. Lastly, this is a good little story. My sister was preparing for her vacation up in the northland by cleaning the inside of their runabout. After a few hours of cleaning, she looked down at her shorts and thought "Cindy would yell at me if she knew what I was using." I guessed correctly, she would not name the product but it had a lot of bleach in it. She had been spraying it all over to clean the upholstery. Fortunately she only ruined her shorts and not the carpeting inside the boat. My short explanation was that the bleach is eating away at all the stitching and if that practice continues eventually the seats will simply come apart. (They had just had a large seat recovered) A little goes a long way.

LAKESCAPING

Lakescaping has become a very hot topic among the conservation people. lakescaping is landscaping the shore area. This includes the bank 30-50 feet and to the depth of 2 feet of water. This is called THE BUFFER ZONE. The planting of natural trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and emergent plants is the idea. This would slow down rainwater (causing less run-off) stop pollutants, slow down erosive. Shoreline and emergent plants do remove pollutants from the water plus slowing erosive. The net results for the lake would be ; clearer water, less weeds and slowdown lake fill-in. The proposal is a 5 year project, starting in 2002. An individual cabin owners plan would be worked out. If you would like to become part of lake washburn lakescaping please contact me.

Thank you *Gary Ahlquist*

PCB'S ARE SYNTHETIC OILS

PCB'S are synthetic oils found in transformers and carbonless paper. They are slowly disappearing from northern Minnesota. Mercury is the result of coal burning power plant emissions. carried by the air 100's of miles.. Acid rain dissolves mercury found naturally in rocks. Mercury and pcb's collect in the protein fat of animal life.

The nervous system of women(child-bearing age), children under 15 years old, birds and fish are affected.. What fish to eat ? Panfish are no real problem , and they can be eaten in unlimited quantity. Northerns up to 15 inches can be eaten once a week, those between 16-20 inches eat once a month, larger northerns forget. Walleyes 12-20 inches can be eaten once a month , larger forget, to much mercury. Cleaning fish to remove mercury do the following; remove the skin, belly fat, fat around the sides and back. Broil, bake grill the fillets. By doing this the fats drip off. If you want to eat more fish then eat smaller quantities at each meal. Any questions contact Gary Ahlquist.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Members of the association board have responsibility for gathering information for the newsletter. However the finished product is the result of the generous contribution of association member Aldo Abelleira. Aldo donates his time and talent to design and layout the newsletter and prepare it for printing. The result is a professional quality newsletter. Thank you Aldo for your generous contribution to the newsletter. For more information on the design work of Aldo please visit his web site at www.aldodesign.com.

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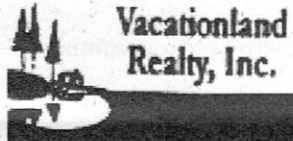
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Increased numbers of motorized boats in Minnesota

The following information comes from Kim Elverum, MN DNR boating coordinator. Between 1980 and 2000:

The number of motorboats less than 16 feet decreased by almost 20%, from 296,969 to 241,986;

The number of motorboats 16 – 26 feet increased by almost 125%, from 145,000 to 323,000;

The number of motorboats over 26 feet increase by 63%, from 4,367 to 7,138;

PWC increased 537% from 6,298 registered in 1990 to 33,883 registered in 2000;

The total number of registered motorboats increased 28% while boats of all types increased 40% to a total of 812,247 registered boats of all types in Minnesota in 2000.



Elverum also made the following observations:

Most of the increase in the 16 – 26 foot boats came in the 16 – 19 foot range, the largest growth being aluminum outboard fishing boats;

The number of 17 – 19 foot fiberglass runabouts has also increased – both outboard and IB/OB drives;

PWC registrations peaked in 1995 and the rate of increase dropped off after that year;

Minnesota 36% increase in boat registrations from 1980 – 1999 was 13% below the nation increase of 49%.

DNR Video Library

The following videos are available from the Brainerd Office of the DNR. They can be ordered by calling the office at 218-828-2500. Tapes will be mailed in a padded enveloped which can be reused for returning back to the DNR.

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AF4	Aquatic Invaders	Exotic Species	30
AF5	Living in the Landscape	Natural Landscape	27
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AF7	Bringing Back the Lunker	Regulations	15
AF8	Fish for Tomorrow	Catch and Release	30
AF9	Stop Exotics, clean your Boat	Exotic Species	11
AF10	Shoreland Restoration; A growing Solution	Shoreline Management	15

Minnesota Lake Trivia

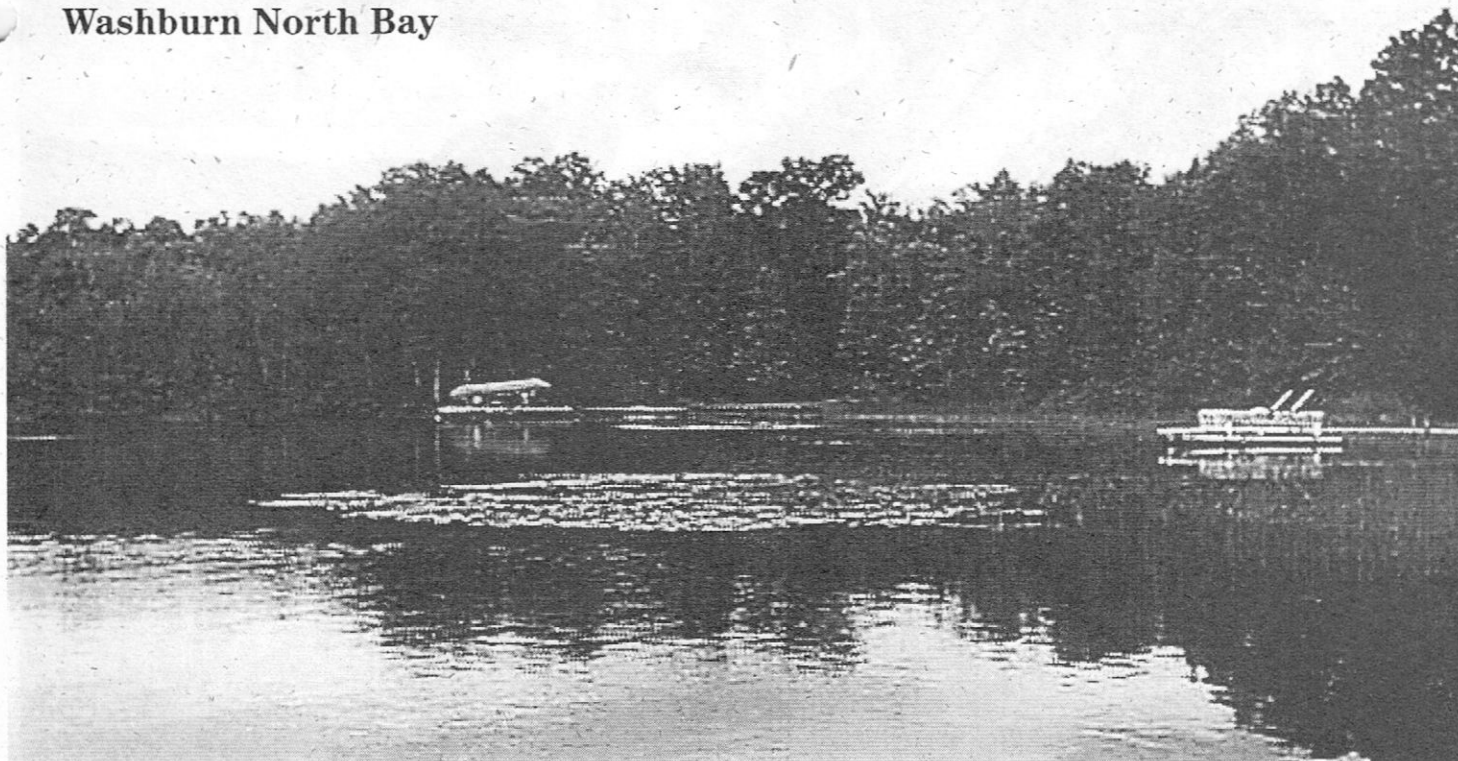
Red Lake is the largest inland lake in Minnesota with 288,880 acres or 451 square miles.

Vermillion Lake in St. Louis County has 290 miles of shoreline, the most in Minnesota.

Lake Saganaga in Cook County is the deepest natural lake in the state with a depth of 280 feet.



Washburn North Bay



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